

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Town of Eastham

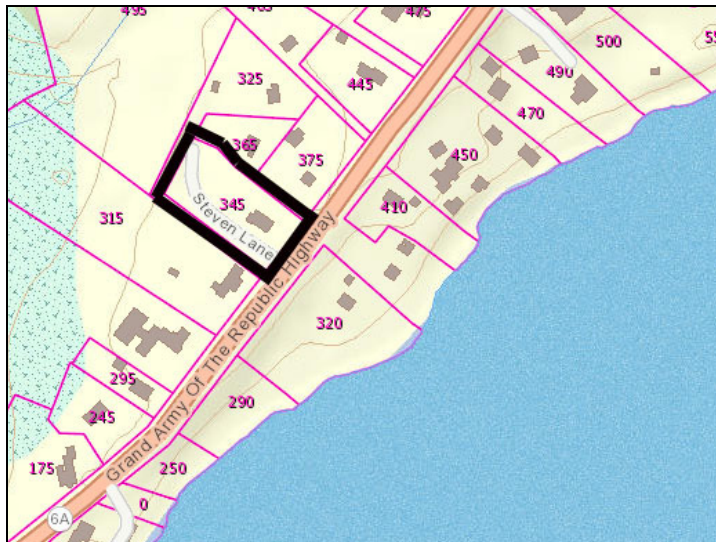
Place: (*neighborhood or village*): South Eastham

Photograph



View from east

Locus Map



Address: 345 State Highway

Historic Name: Howard F. & Natalie Y. Walker House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: 1929-30

Source: tax records, deeds, directories

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: none

Major Alterations (*with dates*): front porch enclosed
(before 1985, otherwise date unknown)

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.82 acre

Setting: The subject property is located on the west side of State Highway/Route 6/6A. A private driveway, Steven Lane, runs within an access easement along its southerly lot line to a flag lot behind this parcel. The property is surrounded by single family land uses.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This two-story, wood frame house, clad with weathered wood shingles is categorized as Dutch Colonial Revival in style, a suburban style that is characterized by its false gambrel roof. A close inspection of the building's form reveals that it is actually a gable-roofed house with pents added to give the appearance of a gambrel roof with wide shed-roofed dormers on the front and rear. In this instance, a full front porch (now enclosed), with hipped roof and a substantial molded cornice that wraps around the sides and extends partway onto the main house, reinforces the illusion. A small one-story bump-out or bay on the right (north) side of the house also has a hipped roof. There is a second story rear balcony (probably original) access to which is via exterior wood stairs. A one-story rear porch off the southwest corner of the house appears to be original, or an early addition, based on the footprints depicted on the 1954 site plan (see below). There is a small brick interior chimney.

Although a number of changes have been made to the house, mostly in recent years, it essentially retains its original historic character. In addition to the front porch having been enclosed, 24 windows have been replaced with one-over-one sash and two exterior doors replaced.¹ In 2011 a 12-by-16-foot wood deck was added to the south side of the house next to the rear porch.²

There is a small wood frame 12-by-20-foot shed located in the rear yard, west of the house, dating to 2003.³ A gravel driveway off State Highway runs along the south side of the house leading to a parking pad west of the house. The property is relatively flat and contains a number of mature coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house at 345 State Highway was built in 1930 by Howard Fenelon Walker (1906-94) on land his family had owned since the late 1830s. Howard Walker was the youngest son of Abbott H. Walker (1864-1954), the longtime captain of the United States Life-saving Service station at Nauset, and he had grown up in the family home at 315 State Highway. Abbott H. Walker was the son of John F. and Mary E. Walker and the grandson of John and Hannah Walker. The 1850 census shows John Walker as a farmer with \$270 in real property in a household after that of Jabez Sparrow (175 State Highway) with his wife and children Sarah, John F., Absalom, and Mary. Son John F. Walker married Mary E. Eldridge of Chatham in 1863, and their son Abbott H. was born the next year. The 1880 census shows John F. Walker and his son Abbott, then fifteen, both working as fisherman and living at what was probably 315 State Highway. In 1887 Abbott H. Walker married Wellfleet domestic Lillie A. Wiley, and their son Stanley Marston Walker was born the same year in Wellfleet.

The 1900 census shows Abbott H. Walker as a surfman (lifeguard) renting in this South Eastham neighborhood and living with his wife Lillie and children Stanley, Sadie (Sarah), Olive, and Lawrence. In 1905 he was made captain of the Nauset life-saving station, and four years later he bought two parcels bordering his father's property from his great-aunt Mary E. Flagg of Somerville, a daughter of John and Hannah Walker who had inherited the property in 1884 after her father died.⁴ These parcels were across from each other on State Highway, a 1.5-acre parcel with a house and buildings on the west side and an apparently undeveloped four-acre parcel on the east. The 1910 census shows Walker owning a mortgaged property on State Highway; his occupation is there listed as a keeper of the life-saving station.

Howard Walker grew up in his parents' household at 315 State Highway. In November 1928 his father deeded a .49-acre parcel to him on the west side of State Highway, part of the family property he had acquired from his great-aunt in 1909;⁵ Abbott Walker's own 315 State Highway parcel abutted it on the south. By 1929 Howard Walker was working as a fisherman and appears to be shown in the Cape Cod directory in his own household, not boarding with his father; on 1 December of the same year he married Natalie Yvonne Doane, a native of Swampscott who was probably related to some of the many Eastham Doanes. The house at 345 State Highway was probably a gift to the couple from Abbott Walker and may have been built by the time they married.

The 1930 census shows Howard and Natalie Walker in their own household with real property valued at \$5000. Howard was then working as a shellfisherman. Tax records for 1931 show him with a house valued at \$4500 and a half-acre homestead lot; his oldest brother Stanley was by then living across the road at 410 State Highway. The 1940 census shows Howard Walker as a shellfisherman, and he and his wife had two children—Barbara Ann, born in 1931, and Peter, born about 1936. Tax records for 1947 show him with a house worth \$4000 and a "homestead lot" of 11.5 acres, though no deed records the transfer of property to him from his father by this time.

¹ Town of Eastham records, building permits dated Jan. 29, 2001, (window replacement) and June 20, 2003, (reroofing and replacement of 2 exterior doors). The front door visible in the 1985 photograph of this house was itself a replacement (Modern style with 3 small stepped windows) and the newer window is more in keeping with the style of the house.

² Ibid., building permit dated Nov. 14, 2011.

³ Ibid., building permit dated May 7, 2003.

⁴ Mary E. Flagg, Somerville, to Abbott H. Walker, 31 August 1909, BCD 296:283.

⁵ Abbott H. Walker to Howard F. Walker, 17 November 1928, BCD 460:305. See also Abbott H. Walker to Howard F. Walker, 28 May 1929, BCD 466:186, which describes the boundaries of the parcel more definitely.

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In March 1954 Abbott Walker, whose wife Lillie died in 1947, sold Howard Walker at 5.16-acre parcel west of Howard's house lot and north of his own land.⁶ Abbott Walker died later in 1954. Howard Walker and his family remained at 345 State Highway until 1969, when they sold it and its .47-acre lot to Joseph and Madeline Mangieri.⁷ The Walkers sold the Mangieris another 2.146 acres abutting 345 State Highway in 1975.⁸ It is not clear from available records where the Walkers then lived, though Howard F. Walker died in Eastham in 1994; his wife died in 1998.

Joseph and Madeline Mangieri were living in Orleans by 1984 when they sold 345 State Highway to Jean Stodt, formerly of Brewster; Stodt in turn sold it in December 1985 to Sherry Boas of Lane Realty Trust. Boas and her husband Ralph owned 345 State Highway until 1996, when Ralph Boas sold the property to current owners Samuel and Donna L. Duggan.⁹

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⁶ Abbott H. Walker to Howard F. and Natalie Y. Walker, 9 March 1954, BCD 870:225. See "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. As Surveyed for Howard F. Walker et ux (Natalie Y)." March 1954, BC) 114:127.

⁷ Howard F. Walker to Joseph and Madeline F., Mangieri, 23 May 1969, BCD 1438:136.

⁸ See Howard F. and Natalie Y. Walker to Joseph and Madeline F. Mangieri, 24 September 1975, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (BCD) 2254:245, and "Supplemental Plan of Land in Eastham (South), Mass. To be Filed in the Land Court under LCC No. 36543," 29 September 1975, BC Land Court Plan 36543A.

⁹ Joseph and Madeline F. Mangieri, Orleans, to Jean Stodt, 1 May 1984, BC Land Court Certificate 96318; Jean Stodt to Sherry Boas, Layne Realty Trust, 30 December 1985, BC Land Court Certificate 104786; Sherry Boas, trustee Layne Realty Trust, Orleans, to Ralph Boas, trustee Brook Realty Trust, Orleans, 23 April 1986, BC Land Court Certificate 106210; Ralph Boas, trustee Brook Realty Trust, Groveland FL, to Samuel and Donna L. Duggan, 23 March 1996, BC Land Court 661369. See also "Subdivision Plan of Land in Eastham," 11 March 1986, BC Land Court Plan 36543B, which placed 345 State Highway and its garage on a lot separate from the buildings shown north of the house and behind the Kenelm Collins house on BC Land Court Plan 36543B.

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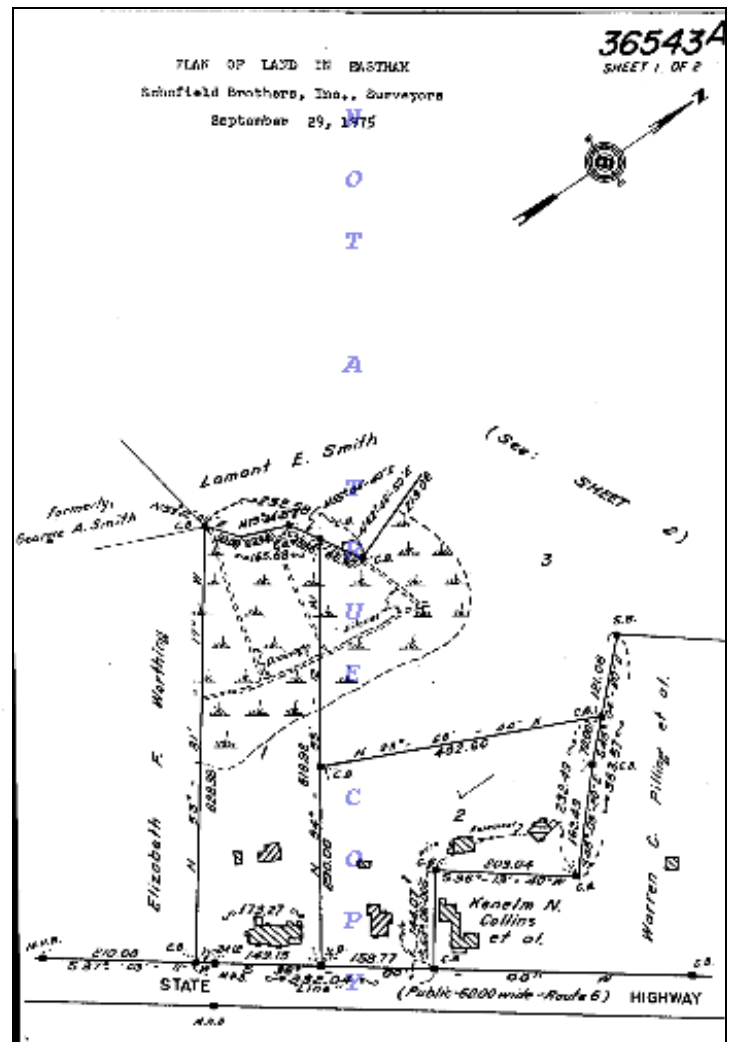
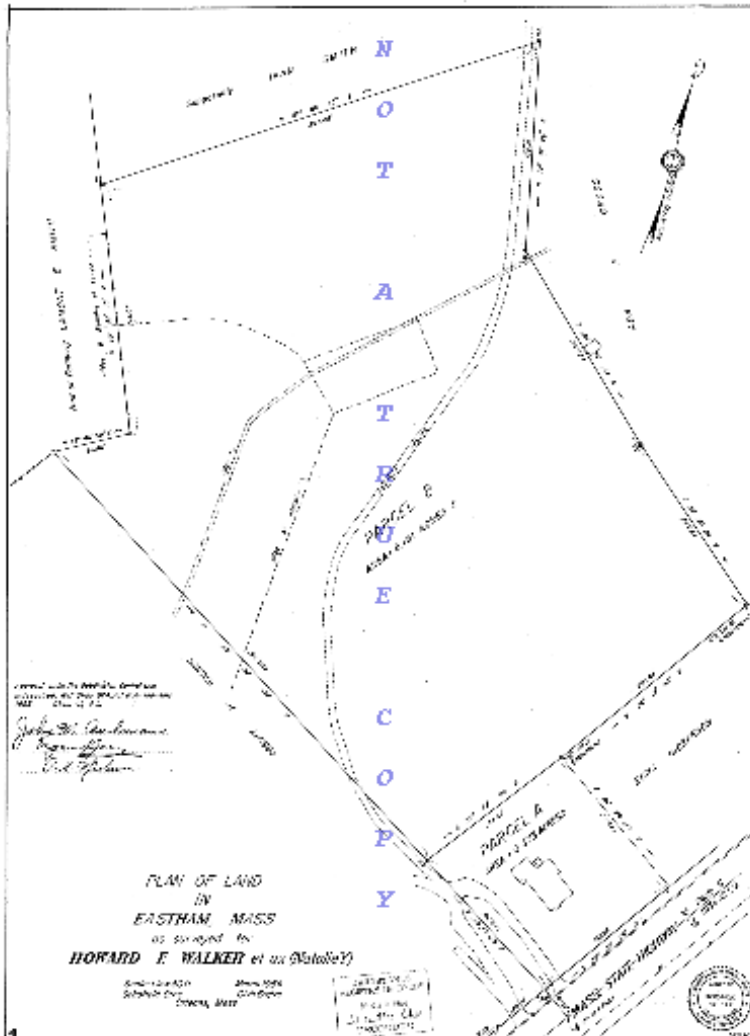
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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



LEFT: Walker subdivision plan of 1954 (BCP 114:127): 345 State Highway is Parcel A. RIGHT: Land Court Plan of 1975 (#36543A): 345 State Highway is the house on lot 2 at center.

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